

OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION

STATUTORY BASIS FOR PAYMENT	General Laws, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 118A, Section 1.
EFFECTIVE DATE	January 1, 1974.
ADMINISTRATION¹	Social Security Administration.
PASSALONG	In compliance by the method of maintaining all payment levels.
SCOPE OF COVERAGE	Optional State supplement provided to every aged, blind, and disabled SSI recipient including recipients in private medical facilities where Medicaid program is providing 50 percent or less of the cost of care. Blind and disabled children are eligible for optional supplementation.
RECOVERIES, LIENS, AND ASSIGNMENTS	None.
RELATIVE RESPONSIBILITY	None.
INCOME DISREGARDS	No disregards in addition to the Federal income disregards.
RESOURCE LIMITATIONS	Federal SSI resource limitations apply.
PLACE OF APPLICATION	Social Security Administration district offices.
FUNDING	Assistance: State funds. Administration: State funds.
INTERIM ASSISTANCE	State participates.

¹ Mandatory minimum supplementation is administered by the same agency as optional supplementation.

PAYMENT LEVELS²

<u>Code</u>	<u>Living arrangements</u>	<u>Combined Federal/State</u>		<u>State supplementation</u>	
		<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple³</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
A	Living independently:				
	Aged	\$622.82	\$942.72	\$128.82	\$201.72
	Blind	643.74	1,128.48	149.74	546.48
	Disabled	608.39	921.06	114.39	180.06
B	Shared living expenses:				
	Aged	533.26	942.72	39.26	201.72
	Blind	643.74	1,287.48	149.74	546.48
	Disabled	524.40	921.06	30.40	180.06
C	Living in household of another:				
	Aged	433.70	709.80	104.36	215.80
	Blind	643.74	1,287.48	314.40	793.48
	Disabled	416.92	688.18	87.58	194.18
E	Licensed rest home:				
	Aged and disabled	787.00	1,574.00	293.00	833.00
	Blind	643.74	1,287.48	149.74	546.48
F	Medicaid facility	65.00	130.00	35.00	70.00

STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS⁴**ADMINISTRATION**

Department of Transitional Assistance and Commission for the Blind.

**SPECIAL NEED
CIRCUMSTANCES:****DISASTER
BENEFITS**

Replacement of specific items of furniture, household equipment, supplies, food, and clothing for SSI recipients when these items were lost because of a natural disaster or fire. (Amounts exempted in determining SSI eligibility.)

² Unless otherwise stated, payment levels apply equally to aged, blind, and disabled. Blind individuals age 65 or over are entitled to the highest payment category for which they qualify.

³ The amounts given apply only when both members of a couple belong to the same eligibility category. When members belong to different eligibility categories, determine each person's share of payment in his/her eligibility category and add to obtain the couple's amount.

⁴ Vendor payments.

**SPECIAL NEED
CIRCUMSTANCES (CON.)****BURIAL
EXPENSES**

Payment of funeral and burial expenses for SSI recipients shall not exceed \$1,100 and the total expense shall not exceed \$1,500. When a resource exists, it is deductible from the total expense (maximum \$1,500) and the payment by the Department must not exceed \$1,100 of the balance.

**REST HOME
SUBSIDIES**

When cost exceeds the total available income, excluding personal needs allowance, the State will pay difference up to established maximum rates.

**MOVING
EXPENSES**

The cost of moving within the State for SSI recipients may be paid once in a 12-month period if: 1) present living quarters have been certified as substandard; 2) moving to new quarters is necessary due to health problems or lack of safety in old neighborhood; 3) recipient is moving into Federal/State subsidized housing; or 4) recipient is forced to move. Total payment not to exceed \$150.

**HOMEMAKER AND
HOUSEKEEPER
SERVICES**

The Department of Elder Affairs performs homemaker and housekeeping services for recipients age 60 and over. The Department of Public Welfare provides these services for recipients under age 60.

MEDICAID**ELIGIBILITY:****CRITERION**

SSI program guidelines (title XVI).

DETERMINED BY

Social Security Administration.

**MEDICALLY NEEDY
PROGRAM**

Program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.

**UNPAID MEDICAL
EXPENSES**

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.